

HB 5521

To whom it may concern,

I am a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology. The bill you are trying to pass that would allow masters level individuals to be clinical psychologists would be a serious disservice to individuals suffering from mental illness. The amount of time we receive for training is vital. Allowing someone to have this degree without warning it would lead to less effective health care and therapy. After what happened at Newtown, we should focus on providing better mental health care for individuals suffering with an illness, instead of making a doctorate invalid and providing less effective treatment just to save a few dollars.

Thank you,
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